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AN ACT to amend Chapter 67 of the Private Acts of 1953, as amended by Chapter 97 of the Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 195 of the Private Acts of 1990, and any other acts amendatory thereto, the same being the municipal charter of the City of Gallatin, relative to public sessions of the City Council (Article III, Section 13), the adoption procedure for ordinances and resolutions (Article IV, Section 3), and the veto power of the Mayor (Article V, Section 4).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 67 of the Private Acts of 1953, as amended by Chapter 97 of the Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 195 of the Private Acts of 1990, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting in its entirety Section 13 of Article III and by substituting instead the following new language:

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Section 13. Council Meetings to be Public

All meetings of the City council shall be open to the public except those as allowed by law to be closed.

SECTION 2. Chapter 67 of the Private Acts of 1953, as amended, is further amended by deleting the first sentence of the first paragraph of Section 3 of Article IV, and by substituting instead the following new language:

Every ordinance shall be passed on two (2) separate votes, each vote to be on a separate day, in an open session of the City Council before it shall become effective; provided, however, ordinances setting the City tax rate shall be passed in compliance with state law and on three (3) separate votes, each vote to be on a separate day. Resolutions shall be passed on one (1) vote, in open session of the City Council. All ordinances and resolutions shall be effective on final passage unless otherwise provided therein.

SECTION 3. Chapter 67 of the Private Acts of 1953, as amended, is further amended by deleting in its entirety Section 4 of Article V, and by substituting instead the following new language:

Section 4. Veto Power

The Mayor shall have the right to veto, within two (2) whole days, Sundays excluded, of the City Council action, any action passed by the City Council, except the Mayor shall have no veto over removal of the Mayor or an Alderperson under Section 14, Article III, of the Charter. The Mayor shall state in writing the reason(s) for such veto, such writing to be filed with the City Recorder, to be attached to the minutes of the Council proceedings containing the action being vetoed, and a copy of the veto shall be delivered to each Alderperson within twenty-four (24) hours of said veto. The veto of the Mayor shall render null and void any action of the City council, unless at the next regular meeting of the City Council, the Alderpersons shall by a vote of five (5) or more of all the Alderpersons vote to override the veto of the Mayor.

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SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the City Council of the City of Gallatin before October 1, 1995. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the City Council of the City of Gallatin and so certified to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 4.

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